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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the ☒ Utility ☐ Design ☒ nonprovisional ☐ provisional
patent application of:

Inventor / Application Identifier: **Yasuyuki KONO, et al.**

☐ See Inventor Information Sheet attached

For: **CLOSE REGION IMAGE EXTRACTION DEVICE AND CLOSE REGION IMAGE
EXTRACTION METHOD**

- ☒ This is a new patent application.
☐ This is the 35 U.S.C. 371 National Stage Application of the above-identified PCT Application.
☐ This is a provisional patent application.
☐ This is a: ☐ Continuation Application
☐ Divisional Application
☐ Continuation-in-Part Application
of prior Application Serial No. ____
☐ Cancel in this application original claims ____ of the prior application before
calculating the filing fee.
☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
-- This is a ☐ Continuation, ☐ Divisional, ☐ Continuation-in-part, of
Application

☐ Incorporation By Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

ENCLOSED ARE THE FOLLOWING:		
X	8	Sheets of drawings (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> formal <input type="checkbox"/> informal size A4).
X	39	Pages of specification including abstract and claims.
X	47	Total pages.
X	Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney	
	X	Newly executed
		Copy from prior application
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	Sequence Listing	
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		Statement verifying identity of above copies
X	Return Receipt Postcard	
	Preliminary Amendment	
X	Assignment to: Nara Institute of Science and Technology	
		Assignment is of record in prior application Serial No. _.
	X	Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet.
	X	Charge \$40.00 to Deposit Account No. 10-1250 for recording Assignment.
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	Information Disclosure Citation	
	English translation	
X	Application Data Sheet	

PRIORITY CLAIMS	
	Applicant hereby claims the benefit of the filing date of the following provisional application(s) under the provision of 35 USC 119.
X	Applicant hereby claims the benefit under the provisions of 35 USC 119 of the filing dates of the following applications as indicated below: Japan Patent Appln. No. 2003-098098, filed April 1, 2003, Priority Claimed of which certified copies thereof
	will follow
X	are enclosed
	have been filed in the International Bureau
	were filed in prior application:


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[] Base Fee - Design	---			\$340	
[] Base Fee - Provisional	----			\$160	
Claim Fees	Number Filed	Base Number	Number Extra over Base	---	
Total Claims	10	20	0	\$18	\$0
Independent Claims	3	3	0	\$86	\$0
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee	---			\$290	\$0
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